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SUBJECT: OAS APPROVES OBSERVERS FOR BOLIVIAN AND PANAMANIAN
ELECTIONS

REF: LA PAZ 5176

1. PURSUANT TO REQUEST FROM PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
BOLIVIA, OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL HELD SPECIAL MEETING LATE
JULY 1 TO DISCUSS ISSUE OF SENDING OBSERVERS TO BOLIVIA FOR
ELECTIONS SCHEDULED JULY 9. BOLIVIAN LETTER REQUESTED
"THREE EMINENT AMERICAN PERSONALITIES" AND PROMISED THAT
GOB WOULD PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES AND AMENITIES
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TO ENABLE THEM TO CARRY OUT THEIR TASK.

2. OAS SECRETARIAT SCHEDULED SPECIAL SESSION OF PERMANENT
COUNCIL WHICH TOOK PLACE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FINAL
OAS PLENARY. IN COURSE OF HALF HOUR DISCUSSION, IN WHICH
HALF DOZEN DELEGATIONS TOOK PART, A CONSENSUS EMERGED
SUPPORTING THE BOLIVIAN REQUEST FOR OBSERVERS. A NUMBER OF

DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, STRESSED THEIR RESERVATIONS ABOUT HAVING THE OBSERVERS APPEAR AS OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED OAS OBSERVERS IN THE ABSENCE OF A DEFINITIVE OAS-APPROVED

PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE OBSERVERS. CONSENSUS DEVELOPED ON BASIS OF HAVING OBSERVERS ON HAND FOR BOLIVIAN ELECTIONS ON STRICTLY PERSONAL BASIS. MIDWAY DURING DISCUSSION PANAMANIAN REP REMINDED COUNCIL THAT OAS HAD NOT RESPONDED TO SIMILAR GOP REQUEST FOR OBSERVERS IN LETTER DATED MAY 16, 1978. OAS SECRETARIAT WORKED QUICKLY TO PREPARE RESOLUTION RESPONDING TO BOTH COUNTRIES' REQUESTS WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

3. TEXT OF RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE OAS,

HAVING SEEN:

THE NOTES PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF PANAMA AND BOLIVIA OF MAY 16 AND JUNE 30, 1978, RESPECTIVELY, AND

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL'S DECISION OF JANUARY 25, 1978 ON THE BASIS OF A REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF JURIDICAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL AFFAIRS ON THE TOPIC OF THE APPOINTMENT OF OBSERVERS FOR ELECTORAL PROCESSES, RESOLVES:

1. TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL THAT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PERMANENT MISSIONS OF PANAMA AND BOLIVIA TO THE OAS AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO INVITE THREE OUTSTANDING PERSONALITIES IN EACH CASE, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE NATURE, THE GOALS AND PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE ORGANIZATION IS BASED, TO BE PRESENT IN THESE COUNTRIES, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, FOR THE GENERAL ELECTIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1978 IN BOLIVIA AND AUGUST 6 OF THE SAME YEAR IN PANAMA.

2. TO REQUEST THE COOPERATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES. END TEXT. VANCE

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